

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The enclosed 1 of 1 sheets of formal drawings includes changes to Figures 1 and 3. Figure 1 has been amended to add crosshatching to the upper window track 22 and to the lower window track 24. Figure 3 is amended to show drain holes 84 with hidden lines. This sheet, which includes Figures 1, 2A, 2B, 3 and 4, replaces the replacement 1 of 1 drawing sheet filed July 5, 2005. No new matter is introduced.

REMARKS

In response to the examiner's objection to the drawings, Figure 1 is amended to include crosshatching of the upper window track 22 and the lower window track 24. No new matter is added. However, the applicant disagrees with the examiner that the cushion strip 82 is not shown with proper cross sectional shading and thus traverses the objection with respect to the cushion strip in Figures 1 and 4. Rather than amend Figures 2A, 2B and 3 to include crosshatching, the specification is amended to change the description of these figures to side views rather than sectional views, thus obviating the need for crosshatching and keeping the figures as clear as possible. Consistent with this change, Figure 3 is amended to show drain holes 84 with hidden lines.

Regarding the examiner's objection to the abstract of the disclosure, the examiner's attention is called to page 2 of the amendment dated July 5, 2005, in which the specification was amended to correct the abstract as noted in the office action.

Claims 1-22 are cancelled without prejudice. New claims 23-32 are added.

New claims 23-30 remove references to upward and downward except for the structural panels which define a window opening, but which are not claimed elements. Thus, the window track assembly as claimed should not be indefinite for failure to maintain a given orientation between the first and the second window track strips, for example, as during shipping.

New claims 31-32 maintain the references to upward and downward, but the window track strips are claimed as fixed to the structural panels defining the window opening. In other words, the receptacles designed and arranged to receive panels are claimed as receiving the panels. Claims 31-32 are not intended to cover a disassembled window track assembly. Therefore, claims 31-32 are believed not to be indefinite for failure to maintain an orientation.

Furthermore, the other reasons for claim rejections under § 112 cited by the examiner in the previous office action are believed to be corrected in the new claims 23-32.

The examiner rejected the previous claims as either anticipated by or obvious in view of Strawsine (U.S. 3,636,661). New independent claim 23 requires a first window track strip including a first side wall, a second side wall and a transverse wall connected therebetween which define an edge receiving receptacle having an opening facing a first direction and adapted for receiving said lower edge of said upper structural panel, and a first guide track structure extending transversely from said second side wall of said edge receiving receptacle of said first window track strip and defining first and second window slide track receptacles having openings facing a second direction opposite to said first direction. In other words, the opening of the receptacle for the structural panel lies in an opposite direction to the opening of the receptacle for window panes. Likewise, new independent claim 31 requires that for each window track strip, the receptacle for receiving the structural panel has an opening which faces the same direction as the opening for the receptacle for receiving the window panes.

Strawsine, on the other hand, discloses a window track system including a window track defining a receptacle for receiving a window pane or mirror (21, 22) having an opening facing the same direction as the opening of the receptacle defined by fingers 19 and 23 for receiving the structural panel. The complementary window track is similarly structured.

Therefore, claims 23-32 are believed to be new and unobvious over the cited prior art.

In summary, claims 23-32 are pending in the application. Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 23-32 and passage to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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enc: (1) Replacement drawing sheet with Figures 1, 2A, 2B, 3 and 4.